(c) All service matter are governed by well ormulated ITDC rules which are reviewed id amended from time to time depending pon the necessity.

(d) and (e) All legal matters including court ases are dealt with in accordance with power elegated by the Board to Chairman & Manag ig Director and other competent authorities.

'Nigrani Karmchariyon Ko Farz Nibhane Per Bhi Sazza Di Gayi"

2555. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared n Hindi daily "Nav Bharat Times" of 2nd November, 1994 captioned "Nigrani Karmhariyon Ko Farz Nibhane Per Bhi Sazzaa Di Gayi";

(b) if so, whether Government have since ordered investigation into the various irregularities mentioned therein;

(c) what are the recommendations of Central Bureau of Investigation/Central Vigilance Commission and whether any responsibility has been fixed on the concerned India Tourism Development Corporation officials for appropriate action; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The matter has been examined and the position on various issues raised in the subject press report is as follows :

(i) Separation of vigilance and security cadres : The matter is under examination.

(ii) Pilferage of liquor bottles- -The concerned officer has been suspended and disciplinary action has been initiated against him. The case has been registered with the Police also.

(iii) Sale of liquor without insisting on production of passport/airline tickets —The matter was investigated and appropriate action was taken against the concerned official for procedural lapses.

(iv) The liquor was allegedly spurious:— The sample test of the particular liquor was found satisfactory as per the test report.

(v) Non-payment of balance money at the duty free shops—The matter was investigated and the erring staff paid the balance money to the passenger. Further, when disciplinary proceedings were to be initiated against the erring employee, the said passenger personally called to say that he had no grievance and that no action should be taken against the employee as the complainant was in a hurry to depart.

(vi) Irregularities in conducting the LTC tour—A private tour operator who was empanelled with ITDC for conducting LTC tour was caught by the CBI for offering bribe and CBI registered a case against him on 2nd September, 1994. ITDC has stopped giving further business to the said tour operator and he is no longer on the panel of ITDC.

(vii) Misuse of official position by the CMD of TDC in regard to allotment of a room in Ashok Hotel to a NRI— The matter was investigated and the CVC confirmed that no malafide intentions can be attributed and it was a case of procedural lapses only. CVC desired that an administrative cautionary memo should be issued to the CMD. Accordingly, an administrative cautionary memo was issued to him.

Demands of engineers of Indian Airlines

2556. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines is faced with a major crisis with nine out of IA's ten prestigious airbus A-300s grounded following indifferent attitude of the engineers

(b) if so, what are the demands of the engineers and since when it is pending; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction to their demands ?